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***"AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION AND ENSURING SAFE
SCHOOL CLIMATES."***

1 Strike sections 2 to 5, inclusive, in their entirety, and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-222d of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2014*):

6 (b) Each local and regional board of education shall develop and
7 implement a safe school climate plan to address the existence of
8 bullying in its schools. Such plan shall: (1) Enable students to
9 anonymously report acts of bullying to school employees and require
10 students and the parents or guardians of students to be notified
11 annually of the process by which students may make such reports, (2)
12 enable the parents or guardians of students to file written reports of
13 suspected bullying, (3) require school employees who witness acts of

14 bullying or receive reports of bullying to orally notify the safe school
15 climate specialist, described in section 10-222k, or another school
16 administrator if the safe school climate specialist is unavailable, not
17 later than one school day after such school employee witnesses or
18 receives a report of bullying, and to file a written report not later than
19 two school days after making such oral report, (4) require the safe
20 school climate specialist to investigate or supervise the investigation of
21 all reports of bullying and ensure that such investigation is completed
22 promptly after receipt of any written reports made under this section,
23 (5) require the safe school climate specialist to review any anonymous
24 reports, except that no disciplinary action shall be taken solely on the
25 basis of an anonymous report, (6) include a prevention and
26 intervention strategy, as defined by section 10-222g, for school
27 employees to deal with bullying, (7) provide for the inclusion of
28 language in student codes of conduct concerning bullying, (8) require
29 each school to notify the parents or guardians of students who commit
30 any verified acts of bullying and the parents or guardians of students
31 against whom such acts were directed not later than forty-eight hours
32 after the completion of the investigation described in subdivision (4) of
33 this subsection, (9) require each school to invite the parents or
34 guardians of a student who commits any verified act of bullying and
35 the parents or guardians of the student against whom such act was
36 directed to a meeting to communicate to such parents or guardians the
37 measures being taken by the school to ensure the safety of the student
38 against whom such act was directed and to prevent further acts of
39 bullying, (10) require each school to invite the parents or guardians of
40 a student who commits any verified act of bullying to a meeting,
41 separate and distinct from the meeting required in subdivision (9) of
42 this subsection, to discuss specific interventions undertaken by the
43 school to prevent further acts of bullying, (11) establish a procedure for
44 each school to document and maintain records relating to reports and
45 investigations of bullying in such school and to maintain a list of the
46 number of verified acts of bullying in such school and make such list
47 available for public inspection, and annually report such number to the
48 Department of Education, and in such manner as prescribed by the

49 Commissioner of Education, [(11)] (12) direct the development of case-
50 by-case interventions for addressing repeated incidents of bullying
51 against a single individual or recurrently perpetrated bullying
52 incidents by the same individual that may include both counseling and
53 discipline, [(12)] (13) prohibit discrimination and retaliation against an
54 individual who reports or assists in the investigation of an act of
55 bullying, [(13)] (14) direct the development of student safety support
56 plans for students against whom an act of bullying was directed that
57 address safety measures the school will take to protect such students
58 against further acts of bullying, [(14)] (15) require the principal of a
59 school, or the principal's designee, to notify the appropriate local law
60 enforcement agency when such principal, or the principal's designee,
61 believes that any acts of bullying constitute criminal conduct, [(15)]
62 (16) prohibit bullying (A) on school grounds, at a school-sponsored or
63 school-related activity, function or program whether on or off school
64 grounds, at a school bus stop, on a school bus or other vehicle owned,
65 leased or used by a local or regional board of education, or through the
66 use of an electronic device or an electronic mobile device owned,
67 leased or used by the local or regional board of education, and (B)
68 outside of the school setting if such bullying (i) creates a hostile
69 environment at school for the student against whom such bullying was
70 directed, (ii) infringes on the rights of the student against whom such
71 bullying was directed at school, or (iii) substantially disrupts the
72 education process or the orderly operation of a school, [(16)] require,
73 at the beginning of each school year, each school to provide all school
74 employees with a written or electronic copy of the school district's safe
75 school climate plan, and [(17)] (18) require that all school employees
76 annually complete the training described in section 10-220a or section
77 10-222j. The notification required pursuant to subdivision (8) of this
78 subsection and the invitation required pursuant to subdivision (9) of
79 this subsection shall include a description of the response of school
80 employees to such acts and any consequences that may result from the
81 commission of further acts of bullying."